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David C. Shelton, Director Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Colorado Department of Health 4210 East 11th Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Mr. Shelton:

In accordance with the request made by Mr. George Dancik of your staff on January 13, 1989 at a meeting with the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the closure plans for the Solar Evaporation Ponds, I am enclosing a risk assessment approach to the development of closure performance standards. This approach applies to contaminants of concern in soils around the solar ponds and is proposed for your consideration. The DOE accepts this proposed method because it is consistent with the CERCLA remediation process for site closures and meets the intent of RCRA closures i.e., the protection of human health and the environment.

Questions concerning this approach can be directed to Ms. Candice Jierree or Ms. Kari Schneider of my staff on 966-4888 or 966-2473, respectively.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Whiteman Area Manager

Enclosure